



Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr

January 2, 1946 - January 2, 2023

Willie Ray Powell, Sr. was the third child born to George Powell & Mae Flower Urdy-Powell on January 2, 1946. He was born in Taylor, Texas and lived in Jonah, Texas. He was educated in the Austin Public Schools and Reagan county Public Schools and graduated from Davenport High School in Big Lake, Texas in 1964. That same year, he joined the United States Army and served one complete tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He began his second tour of duty in Vietnam, but it was cut short by the Family Rule when his brother, Jay Powell, went to Vietnam to serve his tour of duty. He served in the United States Army until he was honorably discharged in 1970. He then joined the Army National Guard in 1972 and worked as a Full-time Mechanic until he retired in March 1990.

Willie P. was a gentleman and as a young man, he was charming, a sharp dresser and had an infectious smile. Willie P's smile radiated because he had pearly white teeth long before bleaching teeth was in style. He would periodically bleach his teeth with peroxide in order to maintain their whiteness. From his first marriage in 1970, came Dani and Col. Davin Dukes.

In 1973, he met the love of his life, Elaine, and won her over by flashing that smile. On July 6, 1974, they were united in marriage, and to this union 3 boys were born.

Throughout their marriage, they welcomed many people into their home and their home became a safe haven for those in transition in their lives. Willie & Elaine always had someone staying with them; siblings, cousins, nieces,

nephews, children, grandchildren, adopted children and more, all found themselves welcome at their home.

They celebrated 48 years of marriage in July 2022 and were looking forward to having a huge celebration for their 50th anniversary in 2024.

Willie P. was the one of the most trusted mechanics in the Austin Community for many years. People from all walks of life entrusted him to service and repair their vehicle due to his excellent work, stellar service, honesty and cost-saving tips. No job was too big or too small for Willie and the team of assistants that he had brought together. From rebuilding engines and transmissions to replacing alternators, starters and radiators to performing oil changes and brake changes, he did it all in excellence. He often shared his extensive knowledge of automotive mechanics with many people and even trained those closest to him on how to properly diagnose, service and repair vehicles.

Willie professed a hope in Christ at the age of 12 and was baptized at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Big Lake, Texas. He supported his wife and boys financially, logistically and emotionally behind the scenes in their faithful service to the Lord at various churches. Willie departed this life on January 2, 2023, on his birthday, surrounded by family.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Georgia (Billy-deceased) Moten; three brothers-in-law, R.C Fuller (Marie), Charles Aikins (Mary) and Curtis Aikins (Bertha); four step brothers, Frazier Black, Larry (Rosemary) Black, David (Martha) Black and Dennis (Dennis) Black; stepsister Eula Black and Diane Black.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Elaine Powell; daughter, Dani Dukes; sons, Davin (Jennifer) Dukes (San Antonio), Willie Powell, Jr. (San Antonio), George (Dana) Powell (Houston) and Vincent Powell (Houston); adopted children, Anjeanette Walker-Powell (Austin) and Brendashai Powell (Lufkin); brother, Pastor James (Elizabeth) Powell (Phoenix); sisters Marie Fuller (McKinney), Mary Aikins Amarillo), Dovie Urdy (Phoenix) and Bertha Aikins (Haltom); stepbrothers, Deacon Willie Black

(Carolyn), Johnny Black (Connie) and Ernest Black (Tamara); step sister Jewel Parker; grandchildren, Carice Wilson (San Antonio), Jaylon Dukes (San Antonio), Willie Ray Powell, III (Austin), Jasmin Dukes (San Antonio), Makiya Powell (Houston); great grandchildren Romeo, Brycen & Matthew; nephews, nieces and a hosts of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

JAN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mount Sinai Baptist Church
8500 Cameron Road
Austin, TX 78754

Celebration Service

JAN **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Sinai Baptist Church
8500 Cameron Rd
Austin, TX 78754
(512) 451-0808

BURIAL

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wuzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Kitsten Lee lit a candle in memory of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr*



Kitsten Lee - January 21, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sending prayers and strength to the family. To Elaine from the 70s SWBT huntland TSPS.
Gloria (Holiday) James 🙏❤️*

Gloria James - January 21, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.*



January 21, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.*



January 20, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to The Powell Family and Extended Families. Our prayers are that God will grant you all strength, peace, and yes, joy as you are preparing to celebrate the life of your love one. We will always remember you guys as wonderful neighbors to us for 13 out of the 14 years we lived in Austin on the 5400 block of Darlington Lane. May God continue to bless you and keep each of you in His care. Love to you all.*



*Charles & Carolyn Walker & Family
Kentucky*

Carolyn S. Ballard-Walker - January 20, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.*



January 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ My sincere condolences & prayers to Vincent, George, and the entire Powell family. May the Holy Spirit comfort, strengthen, and keep you all during this time. Love you! ❤️



Darlene Carroll - January 20, 2023 at 03:09 AM



“ Michael Powell & Family purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.



Michael Powell & Family - January 18, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.



January 17, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - January 11, 2023 at 02:10 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.*



January 10, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences and prayers to George Powell & family for the loss of your dear father. Vincent and Carolyn Moore family of the Mt Zion Baptist Church.*



Vincent Sr/Carolyn Moore - January 07, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Sgt Willie Ray Powell Sr.*



January 07, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *My prayers goes out to you Elaine, Willie. George & Vincent may God strengthen you during this time 🙏❤❤*

Kenya Williams - January 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM



My prayers goes out to you Elaine, Willie. George & Vincent for your loss. May God strengthen you during this time . Rest in peace in heaven Brother Powell.

DEANNA CAILLIER MERCER - January 15, 2023 at 07:21 PM